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In re Application of:	:	Before the Examiner:
William M. Smith et al.	:	Stephan F. Willett
Serial No.: 09/292,191	:	Group Art Unit: 2152
Filed: April 15, 1999	:	
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SCHEDULED SERVICE OF NETWORK	:	Intellectual Property Law
REQUESTS AND METHOD THEREFOR	:	11400 Burnet Road
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 2, 2004 (Paper No. 11), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 2, 2004, please amend the Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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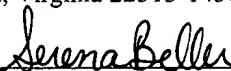
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Respectfully submitted,

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